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This invention relates generally to simulated animal bones, and in particular to a simulated animal bone, or toy, made out of a flexible material which will attract carnivorous animals, such as dogs.

An object of this invention is to provide a simulated animal bone prepared from flexible material such as rawhide, on account of the fondness of dogs for bones, and the fact that rawhide is an untanned animal skin, which appeals to carnivorous animals due to the animal smell of the undenatured protein in the skin.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a simulated animal bone which is useful as a toy, and which appeals to carnivorous animals such as dogs, and which is safe for them to chew, and will not harm them if portions of the bone are swallowed.

A further object of the invention is to provide a simulated animal bone from a rawhide sheet by wetting the rawhide and rolling it into a cylindrical form, and, while still wet, cutting a slot either partially or completely through the cylinder adjacent each end thereof, and bending each end adjacent said slot back and inserting it into or completely through said slot, and then allowing the rawhide to dry. In this manner the ends of the cylinder will become securely fixed in the slots and will give the appearance of the knuckle joints of a bone.

If desired, a slot may be cut in the cylinder adjacent one end thereof only and the same procedure followed as set forth above.

Animal toys and artificial bones for dogs have become increasingly popular in recent years, and it is important that these articles should be appealing, safe, and long-lasting for carnivorous animals, and in addition, should be non-staining so that furniture, clothing, and floor coverings, etc., will be protected from damage.

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The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows :

Claim 1. A simulated animal bone comprising a sheet of flexible material which is in the form of a roll, at least one slot formed in said roll adjacent one end thereof, and extending therethrough, the end of said roll adjacent said slot being inserted therein and passing therethrough to simulate a bone joint.

2. A simulated animal bone, as set forth in claim 1, in which the flexible material comprises rawhide.

3. A simulated animal bone, as claimed in claim 1, wherein a slot is formed in said roll adjacent each end thereof and in which the end of said roll adjacent each slot is inserted therein.

4. A simulated animal bone comprising a sheet of flexible material having the form of a roll, at least one slot formed in said roll adjacent an end thereof, and extending partially therethrough, the end of said roll adjacent said slot being inserted therein, thereby simulating a bone knuckle joint.

5. A simulated animal bone, as claimed in claim 4, in which said bone is formed of rawhide.

6. A simulated animal bone comprising a sheet of rawhide having the form of a roll, a slot formed in said roll adjacent each end thereof, and extending partially therethrough, the end of said roll adjacent each slot being inserted therein to simulate a bone knuckle joint.

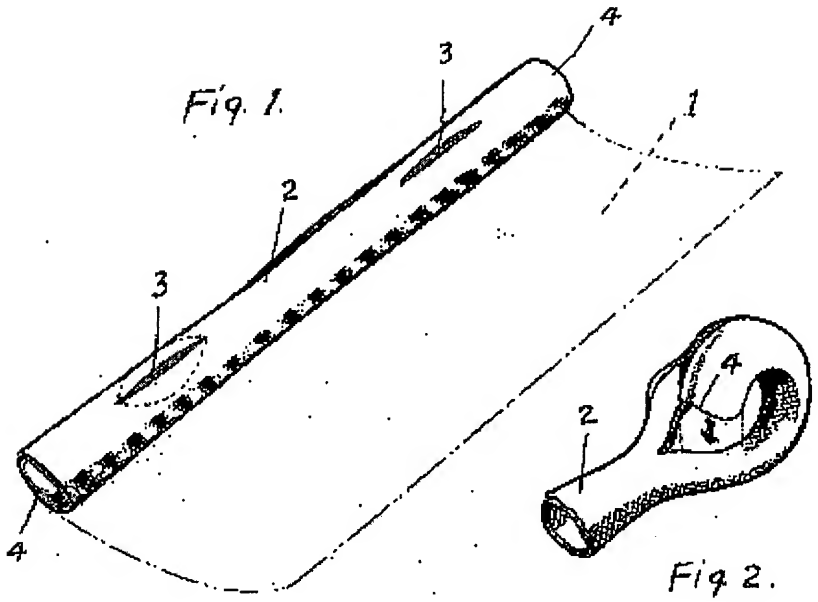
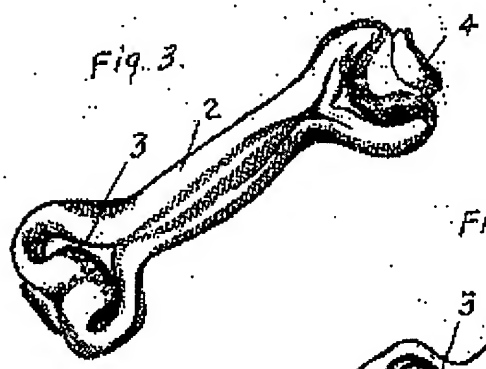


Fig. 1.

Fig 2.



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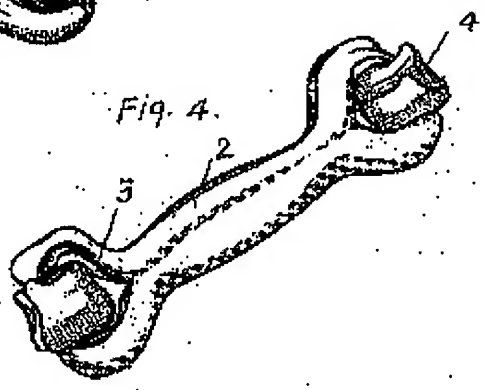

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